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A. Background

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 21.16.350 authorizes Department of Construction and Land Use (DCLU), now known as Department of Planning and Development (DPD), to make rules and regulations and amend and/or clarify these rules and regulations in order to carry out the provisions of SMC 21.24, Permit Fees and Connection Charges (Side Sewer).

- The purpose of this Director's Rule is to outline the Department's requirements for the Fee Subtitle.

SMC 21.24.021, Permit application and fee, states the following:

The permit application for a side sewer or service drain connection, repair, alteration or addition shall be made by the owner of such property or premise, or by a registered side sewer contractor, tenant, lessee, agent or contractor representing the owner, and the Director of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) shall determine whether the permit application conforms to the requirements of this chapter and other ordinances of the

City regulating side sewers and compute the amount of the fee in accordance with the following schedule...

City of Seattle Ordinance No. 121666 updated the fees for sewer and drainage permits and related charges.

B. Effective Date

February 15, 2005

C. Definitions

Words and phrases used in this Rule, unless contrary to or inconsistent with the context, shall be given the same meaning as in the SMC 21.16 and SMC 22.801, or as defined below. Unless otherwise defined, all technical and material terminology used in this Rule is to be given meaning as commonly accepted in the sewer and drainage trade.

- 1) **"Additional Direct Connections to Main Sewer"** means a connection of a new side sewer(s) to a public system exists IN ADDITION TO a pre-existing connection of side sewer(s).
- 2) **"Capping Existing Side Sewers"** means that whenever a side sewer is abandoned, the owner, occupant or contractor shall cap the existing side sewer.
- 3) **"Connection"** means the connection of a new side sewer to a public system including piped sewer main, piped combined sewer, piped storm drain, a natural or constructed drainage location such as curb discharge.
- 4) **"Connection to Existing Side Sewers"** means the connection of a new side sewer(s) to an existing side sewer system.
- 5) **"Department of Planning and Development"** or **"DPD"** means the City department responsible for the developing, administering and enforcing standards of the building code and applicable regulations/ordinances.
- 6) **"Disconnection of a Side Sewer"** means the capping of an existing side sewer.
- 7) **"Inspection Time"** means the time spent by DPD, SDOT and/or SPU on the examination of plans and support documents, review of construction and as-built construction documents.
- 8) **"Inspection Time in Excess of One Hour"** means the review and evaluation of existing, available, and relevant data for the issuance of the side sewer permit and additional time in excess of the allotted inspection time of the side sewer permit including additional side sewer inspections and time spent on

the side sewer as-built. Time will include DPD and Seattle Public Utilities (SPU).

- 9) **“Service Drain”** or **“Drainage System”** means a privately owned and maintained drainage system which carries only stormwater runoff, surface water, foundation drainage and/or other unpolluted waters and which discharges at an approved outlet as defined by the Director of Seattle Public Utilities. Service drains include, but are not limited to, conveyance pipes, catchbasin connections, downspout connections, detention pipes, and subsurface drainage connections to an approved outlet. Service drains do not include groundwater collection systems upstream from the point of connection to a service drain.
- 10) **“Side Sewer”** or **“Sanitary System”** means a privately owned and maintained pipe system which is designed to carry sewage and/or stormwater runoff, surface water, foundation drainage, and other unpolluted water leading from a plumbing outlet, drain or other facilities to the public sewer system or approved outlet.
- 11) **“Temporary Services for Side Sewers”** means a temporary connection to a combined sewer, sanitary sewer, side sewer, storm drain or natural outlet and shall include discharge of temporary dewatering collected during construction.
- 12) **“Reconnection to Main”** means the disconnection of a side sewer and the reconnection to a public system including a combined sewer, sanitary sewer, side sewer, storm drain or natural outlet.
- 13) **“Public Place,” “Public Area,”** or **“Street Area”** means and includes streets, avenues, ways, boulevards, drives, places, alleys, sidewalks, and planning strips, squares, triangles and rights-of-way dedicated for the use of the public, and the space above or beneath the surface of the same.
- 14) **“Seattle Department of Transportation”** or **“SDOT”** means the City department responsible for the developing, administering and enforcing standards of the public works code for construction within the public place and applicable regulations and ordinances.
- 15) **“Seattle Public Utilities”** or **“SPU”** means the City department responsible for the developing, administering and enforcing standards of the public works code for the construction of public sewers and storm mains and applicable regulations and ordinances.

D. Site Inspection Fee

- 1) The fees for plan review and inspection are provided in the DPD 2005 Fee Subtitle (latest edition) and related documents. Payment and responsibility for fees are outlined in Seattle Municipal Code 22.900A.030, Payment and responsibility for fees.

- 2) The base permit fee shall include one hour of inspection time as specified in SMC 21.24.
- 3) Inspection time, including review time, beyond the base permit fee shall be charged at a rate of \$155 per hour or the latest fee per DPD 2005 Fee Subtitle and SMC 22.900B.010.B.
- 4) Inspection time, including review time, beyond the base permit fee spent by SDOT and/or SPU, shall be charged at the rate specified in the DPD 2005 Fee Subtitle.
- 5) The Director may bill an applicant and require payment for accrued hourly charges at any time in the permit review or construction stage.

E. Refunds

Applicants may request a refund of fees at any time **before** any work on their application has been done by DPD staff. Per SMC 21.24.090, starting work signifies a use of the rights granted by the permit and thus the loss of a right to request a refund.

F. Side Sewer Fees

Exhibit A – Summary of Side Sewer Fees

Item	Description	Comment	Type	Fee
1	Address change	Special circumstance	Set fee	\$40
2	Miscellaneous	Special circumstance		As req'd
3	Not sufficient funds	Special circumstance	Set fee	\$20
4	Special Connection Charge	Special circumstance		As req'd
5	Special Investigation	Special circumstance		As req'd
6	Legal Doc Preparation	Preparation and processing of Legal Document	Set fee	\$50
7	Recording	Recording Legal Document		As req'd
8	SDOT Street Use	SDOT Street Use Fee for Utility	Permit fee and (qty) Per Hourly	\$165/150*

		Construction		
9	Dewatering		Minimum	\$225**
10	SPU Hourly Review/Inspection		(qty) Per Hourly	\$155
11	DPD Hourly Review/Inspection		(qty) Per Hourly	\$155
12	Sanitary – Base fee	New/add/alteration	Side Sewer	\$375
13	Sanitary Additional Connection	Work to be included with new/add/alt	Side Sewer	\$280
14	Sanitary Additional Connection (Public Main or Side Sewer)	Existing facility and connection. New connection proposed	Side Sewer	\$375
15	Sanitary Capping		Side Sewer	\$375
16	Sanitary Pump		Side Sewer	\$75
17	Sanitary Repair		Side Sewer	\$280
18	Sanitary Temporary Connection		Side Sewer	\$225
19	Storm – Base fee	New/add/alteration	Service Drain	\$375
20	Storm Additional Connection	Work to be included with new/add/alt	Service Drain	\$280
21	Storm Additional Connection (Public Main or Service Drain)	Existing facility and connection. New connection proposed	Service Drain	\$375
22	Storm Capping		Service Drain	\$375
23	Storm Pump		Service Drain	\$75
24	Storm Repair		Service Drain	\$375
25	Storm Temporary Connection		Service Drain	\$225

* The SDOT fee of \$165 is for the Street Use Permit and includes one hour of inspection; subsequent hours will be charged at \$150 directly by SDOT.

**The dewatering fee is \$225 if there is no office review; the minimum fee is \$775 if office review is required.

G. Combination Fees

Exhibit A shows fees that may be imposed in connection with a side sewer permit. Items 1-5 are manually added fees for special circumstances and are infrequently used. Item 6 relates to processing of recorded documents, based directly on recording fees charged by King County to the City, and item 7 is a City processing fee. Item 8 is a fee for an included SDOT Street Utility Permit when there is activity in the Public Place (i.e. Right-of-way), which is controlled by independent SDOT rules. Item 9 is a base fee for temporary construction dewatering permits, which may not be combined with other side sewer activities due to special processing required for incorporation of utility requirements, King County system capacity check, and water quality precautions. The fee for SPU labor, item 10, is applicable to temporary construction dewatering requiring detailed review and field time by the SPU utility specialist. Item 11 is the fee for DPD labor provided in excess of the inspection time allocated in the base side sewer permit fees, and is applied when actual recorded staff time exceeds the allocation of permit inspection hours.

The remaining fourteen fees (items 19-25) represent amounts that may be discounted when combined with certain other activities. The possible combinations of the activities represented by these fees are as follows:

- Drainage (service drain) projects and Sanitary System (side sewer) projects are charged independently of one another.
- For Drainage System (service drain) projects or Sanitary System (side sewer) projects:
 - Separate fees are charged for each "New/Add/Alt", "Repair", and "Temporary" component;
 - "Capping" fee may be applied by itself or in combination with other activities;
 - "Pump" is used only in combination with either "New/Add/Alt" or "Repair"
 - "Additional Connection" is used only in combination with either "Base" or "Temporary."

The three tables below represent the available combinations of activities/fees. The first table represents combinations when repairs are the only primary activity. The second table represents repairs in combination with non-repair primary activities. The third table represents combinations with non-repairs as the only primary activities.

Combination discounts are specified within the first and second tables, subject to the following rules:

1. Pump and capping fees are not applied to repairs that are combined Drainage repairs and Sanitary repairs.
2. If Drainage and Sanitary repairs are combined on one permit, only the higher Drainage repair fee applies.
3. If a Drainage repair is combined with a non-repair Sanitary activity, or if a Sanitary repair is combined with a non-repair Drainage activity, then per Rule 1 above, the pump and capping fees are not applied on the repair. However, the repair fee applies as well as the non-repair fee, and pumps and capping fees apply to the non-repair activity.

There are no discounts specified within the third table, as there are no repair activities involved.

Exhibit B - Combinations with Repairs as the only Primary Activity

Drainage				Sanitary				Allocated Inspection Hours	Fee
Primary Activity • Repair (\$375) • (none selected)	\$280 ea Added Connects	\$75 ea Pumps	\$375 ea Capping	Primary Activity • Repair (\$280) • (none selected)	\$280 ea Added Connects	\$75 ea Pumps	\$375 ea Capping		
Repair (\$375)	not allowed	included	included	(none selected)	not allowed	not allowed	included	1 hr	\$375 Drain Repair
(none selected)		not allowed		Repair (\$280)		included			\$280 Sanitary Repair
Repair (\$375)		included		included					\$375 Drain Repair

Exhibit C - Repairs in Combination with Non-Repair Primary Activities

Drainage				Sanitary				Allocated Inspection Hours	Fee
Primary Activity • Repair (\$375) • New/Add/Alt (\$375) • Temp (\$225)	\$280 ea Added Connects	\$75 ea Pumps	\$375 ea Capping	Primary Activity • Repair (\$280) • New/Add/Alt (\$375) • Temp (\$225)	\$280 ea Added Connects	\$75 ea Pumps	\$375 ea Capping		
Repair (\$375)	not allowed	included	included	New/Add/Alt (\$375)	any x \$280	any x \$75	any x \$375	see A)	see B)
				Temp (\$225)		not allowed			
New/Add/Alt (\$375)	any x \$280	any x \$75	any x \$375	Repair (\$280)	not allowed	included	included		see C)
Temp (\$225)		not allowed							

Allocated Inspection Hours:

A) = 1 (for Drainage Repair or New/Add/Alt or Temp) + 1 (for Sanitary Repair or New/Add/Alt or Temp) + (qty all added connections) + (qty non-repair cappings)

Fees:

B) = (Drainage Repair) \$375 + [(if Sanitary New/Add/Alt) \$375 or (if Sanitary Temp) \$225] + (qty Sanitary added connections) x \$280 + (qty Sanitary pumps) x \$75 + (qty Sanitary cappings) x \$375

C) [(if Drainage New/Add/Alt) \$375 or (if Drainage Temp) \$225] + (qty Drainage added connections) x \$280 + (qty Drainage pumps) x \$75 + (qty Drainage cappings) x \$375 + (Sanitary Repair) \$280

Exhibit D – Combinations with Non-Repairs as the only Primary Activities

Drainage				Sanitary				Allocated Inspection Hours	Fee	
Primary Activity • New/Add/Alt (\$375) • Temp (\$225) • (none selected)	\$280 ea Added Connects	\$75 ea Pumps	\$375 ea Capping	Primary Activity • New/Add/Alt (\$375) • Temp (\$225) • (none selected)	\$280 ea Added Connects	\$75 ea Pumps	\$375 ea Capping			
New/Add/Alt (\$375)	any x \$280	any x \$75	any x \$375	(none selected)	not allowed	not allowed	any x \$375	see D)	see E)	
				New/Add/Alt (\$375)	any x \$280	any x \$75				
				Temp (\$225)		not allowed				
Temp (\$225)	any x \$280	not allowed		(none selected)	not allowed	any x \$280				not allowed
				New/Add/Alt (\$375)	any x \$75					
				Temp (\$225)	not allowed					
(none selected)	not allowed	not allowed		New/Add/Alt (\$375)	any x \$280					any x \$75
				Temp (\$225)		not allowed				

Allocated Inspection Hours:

D) = [(if Drainage New/Add/Alt or Temp) 1 + (if Sanitary New/Add/Alt or Temp) 1] + (qty all added connections) + (qty all cappings)

Fees:

E) = [(if Drainage New/Add/Alt) \$375 or (if Drainage Temp) \$225] + [(if Sanitary New/Add/Alt) \$375 or (if Sanitary Temp) \$225] + (qty all added connections) x \$280 + (qty all pumps) x \$75 + (qty all cappings) x \$375

H. Special Conditions

The following fees are applicable in the special circumstances described:

- 1) Install one or more new side sewers and/or service drains on-site. Connection to existing public mains or adjacent off-site side sewers will be done by a separate side sewer permit at a later date. Fee shall be (if) Drainage New @ \$375 + (if) Sanitary New @ \$375 + (if) qty Cappings @ \$375/ea.
- 2) Install a new side sewer in the Public Place by connecting to an existing public main and leaving a capped side sewer at the Public Place line. Side sewer construction proposed on-site will be done by a separate side sewer permit at a later date. Fee shall be \$375 + qty Cappings @ \$375/ea.
- 3) Repair failed infiltration system. Fee shall be \$375.

- 4) Install a new service drainage system that includes catch basins, detention tank and/or water quality facilities. Fee shall be \$375.
- 5) Decommission of on-site septic system as outlined in SMC 21.15.040, Connection or abandonment of side sewer, and install new side sewer to public main. Fee shall be \$375.
- 6) Install curb discharge. Fee shall be \$375.
- 7) Install curb discharge and new connection(s) to public sewer main. Fee shall be Drainage New @ \$375 + Sanitary New @ \$375 + (if) qty Added Connections @ \$280.
- 8) Install new drainage (service drain) and sanitary (side sewer) with a connection to an existing public combined sewer. Fee shall be Drainage New @ \$375 + Sanitary New @ \$375.